



SkillsUSA Texas Newsletter January 2022

Greetings from SkillsUSA Texas,

Happy 2022! I hope your new year has gotten off to a great start and wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jake Lopez and I am the new Executive Director for SkillsUSA-Texas. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have been given the opportunity to be part of this great organization.

Please be assured that we are going to hold competitions for each district in one capacity or another. We are paying close attention to the COVID situation and monitoring it daily. We have already made adjustments to competition schedules for some districts and will continue to do so in order for us to have these competitions in each district. Continue to check your district page at skillsusatx.org for updates.

Once again, I'm greatly appreciative to be part of this team and look forward to a great 2022! Stay safe,

Jake Lopez, M.Ed
Executive Director, SkillsUSA Texas

Thinking of running to be a SkillsUSA District, State, or for the National officer?

Your 2021-2022 SkillsUSA Texas State Officer team, in partnership with the National Office, will be hosting an information Webinar on January 18th, at 5:40pm, to review the District, State, and National officer application process. This is your chance to learn and ask questions, about the steps needed to run for these leadership opportunities. To learn more about the event, please email info@skillsusatx.org.

SkillsUSA Texas Officer Application Process Webinar
When: January 18, 2022
Time: 5:30pm CST
Where: Zoom

Meeting information can be found on our SkillsUSA Texas calendar:
<https://skillsusatx.org/calendar/>

Deadline for Hopeful National Officer Candidate Access to Required Certifications and Career Essentials at No Cost

As outlined in the [2022-23 National Officer Program Guide](#), SkillsUSA will offer the two certifications and Career Essentials coursework that are required to apply for national office at no cost to students who are interest in running for national office. The deadline to apply for no-cost certifications and the no-cost Career Essentials cohort group led by national staff is February 1.

For further details on the required certifications and Career Essentials coursework as well as how to access these at no cost for hopeful candidates, please see page 18 of the [2022-23 National Officer Program Guide](#).

Please reach out to Tyler Chaffin at tchaffin@skillsusa.org with any questions regarding the National Officer Election Process.

District Contest Planning

We are finalizing details for all district contest locations and schedules. Preliminary agendas and schedules have been posted our state website. Note that anything listed in **BLACK** is confirmed and anything in **RED** is tentative.

Tech chairs and judges are getting confirmed daily and the modi for COVID are also being addressed so keep checking back for updates.

Look for all these details to be posted on our website:
<https://skillsusatx.org/districts/>

State Contest Planning

We are finalizing details the schedule. A preliminary agenda and schedule is posted.

As always we need industry support for judges and offer the opportunity for a booth or sponsorships.

Look for all these details to be posted on our state website:
<https://skillsusatx.org/events/state-leadership-and-skills-conference/>

SkillsUSA Week 2022 - State Social Media Toolkit

SkillsUSA Week 2022 is in just less than a month! Please see the social media toolkit to promote chapter participation in this program [here](#).

Please reach out to Tyler Chaffin at tchaffin@skillsusa.org with any questions you have regarding SkillsUSA Week.

Chapter Excellence Program Opportunity!

The National office is excited again this year to offer advisors and chapters the opportunity to schedule a one-on-one coaching session with our CEP and PoW Coach, Kelli Engelbrecht. The one-on-one coaching session can assist chapters in strategizing on how to take their Chapter Excellence Program application to the next level or help a new chapter or advisor get started? Chapters learn how to integrate the SkillsUSA Framework, articulate SMART goals and select and evaluate Essential Elements within their CEP application.

New Advisor Training

The National Office will host a New Advisor Training on January 21st, 9 am - 1:30 pm Eastern Time. Through this professional development built intentionally for advisors in their first, second, or third year, you will be advising a high-quality, engaging chapter in no time. This is an extended session, so securing adequate classroom coverage is suggested. Participants must be Professional Members to register through Absorb.
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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kelli Engelbrecht at kengelbrecht@skillsusa.org.

Texas Regulations

The latest version for 2021-2022 is posted on our [website](#).

Please read carefully and ensure your students are well prepared for our in-person contest season.

Let us know if we can help!

Next Townhall Meeting

February 3, 2022 at 5:30PM Central

[Click here](#) to register in advance for this zoom meeting.

National Technical Standards for Contests

The Technical Standards are now available in the SkillsUSA's Learning Management System, Absorb, and you will receive access when you join as a professional member. If you need assistance contact the Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557. Click [here](#) to join as a member



Mid-Winter Conference
Houston, TX
January 19-22, 2022

The mission of TIVA is to ensure the impact and advancement of Career and Technical Education in Texas. If you aren't a member or have never been to a conference reach out today to learn more: www.tiva.org

District Representation and Contacts

Please visit your district website for contact information for your District Director, District Planner and Teacher Advisory Committee Representative. We are here to help! The teacher advisor committee is going to be much more active in the coming year - let them know what they can do to help your district!

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